

## CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

**Third Annual Report of the Civil-Service Commission—A Satisfactory Showing of the Operations and Results During the Past Year—The Work as Longer Considered as Experimental.**

WASHINGTON, March 26, 1913.—The third annual report of the Civil-Service Commission sent to Congress by the President yesterday shows that the work of the commission during the year from January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913, is shown in a comprehensive manner. The report shows that the commission has been successful in its efforts to reform the civil service, and that the work has been longer considered as experimental.

The whole number of persons examined under the commission during the year has been 7,000, of whom 5,000 were males, and 2,000 were females. The whole number thus examined since the act was passed has been 17,000.

Of the 7,000 examined during the year, 5,000 obtained the minimum of sixty-five per cent, which means that they were not appointed, and 2,000 failed to show that degree of proficiency and consequently are ineligible for appointment.

The average age of those examined was thirty years, from twenty to thirty-five years. From these figures it must be seen that the commission is not selecting men from the ranks of the old-time civil service, but from the ranks of the new.

It is further shown by the report that the average age of those who failed is less than six months above the average age of those who succeeded, so that the longer experience of business life is almost the exact equivalent of more years of education.

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## RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

The much-disputed Caroline Islands have forty Congregational churches, with four thousand members.

A minister in Rooks County, Kan., rides forty miles and preaches four sermons every Sunday for a salary of two hundred dollars a year. *Chicago Tribune.*

About the most unprofitable thing ministers or religious papers can do is to indulge in money calculations as to the cost of converts either at home or among the heathen. *Chicago Standard.*

The Japanese Government has given to Vassar College a pair of bronze vases handsomely ornamented with gold and silver, in appreciation of the education given to two Japanese girls. *Poughkeepsie Eagle.*

The Emperor William has donated twenty-five thousand marks to the German Teachers' Society of London. The donation was accompanied by an intimation that the same amount would be annually subscribed.

"If I am a Christian, I will be a Christian," said Sam Jones in Cincinnati. "If I am a Methodist, I will be a Methodist right through and through, and I don't want to be a little one-horse, mule-headed nothing nowhere!"

It is calculated that the disestablishment of the Church of England would set free funds equal to \$917,500,000, of which, after the payment of all claims by the church, there would remain a net gain of \$500,000,000.

The total school attendance in New York State last year was 1,024,434. There are 31,339 teachers in the public schools. The number of children of school age in the State is 1,721,126.

Of the teachers employed in the public schools in 1885 only 1,208 held normal school diplomas. *N. Y. Tribune.*

In Jacksonville, N. J., there is a public school. The other day it had thirteen young men and one girl, who voted on the question whether to have a vote on the question whether the teacher of the school was competent to fill his position. The vote against the teacher was unanimous, and immediately every scholar packed up his books and went home. *Chicago Times.*

MARKET REPORTS.

Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 27.

WHEAT—Quiet and steady; XXX, \$3.00; XX, \$2.95; X, \$2.90; No. 2, \$2.85; No. 3, \$2.80; No. 4, \$2.75; No. 5, \$2.70; No. 6, \$2.65; No. 7, \$2.60; No. 8, \$2.55; No. 9, \$2.50; No. 10, \$2.45; No. 11, \$2.40; No. 12, \$2.35; No. 13, \$2.30; No. 14, \$2.25; No. 15, \$2.20; No. 16, \$2.15; No. 17, \$2.10; No. 18, \$2.05; No. 19, \$2.00; No. 20, \$1.95; No. 21, \$1.90; No. 22, \$1.85; No. 23, \$1.80; No. 24, \$1.75; No. 25, \$1.70; No. 26, \$1.65; No. 27, \$1.60; No. 28, \$1.55; No. 29, \$1.50; No. 30, \$1.45; No. 31, \$1.40; No. 32, \$1.35; No. 33, \$1.30; No. 34, \$1.25; No. 35, \$1.20; No. 36, \$1.15; No. 37, \$1.10; No. 38, \$1.05; No. 39, \$1.00; No. 40, \$0.95; No. 41, \$0.90; No. 42, \$0.85; No. 43, \$0.80; No. 44, \$0.75; No. 45, \$0.70; No. 46, \$0.65; No. 47, \$0.60; No. 48, \$0.55; No. 49, \$0.50; No. 50, \$0.45; No. 51, \$0.40; No. 52, \$0.35; No. 53, \$0.30; No. 54, \$0.25; No. 55, \$0.20; No. 56, \$0.15; No. 57, \$0.10; No. 58, \$0.05; No. 59, \$0.00; No. 60, \$0.00; No. 61, \$0.00; 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